

Richard Hyndmarsh,
AND
Margaret his Wife

APPELLANTS.

From a Decree, and several Reports and Orders thereupon made in the Court of Exchequer-Chamber.

Mary Everard the Mother,
AND
Mary the Daughter.

RESPONDENTS.

The Appellants C A S E.

THE 25th. of June, 1673. Daniel Collingwood, being seized of the Manors of Branton Brandon and Revelly, in the County of Northumberland, charged with 30 l. per Ann. for Life, to my Lady Collingwood, and 5 l. per Ann. to Mr. Collingwood for Life, settled them upon himself in Tail Male, and after on his Brother George in like manner, and charges them with the Payment of 1400 l. for his Sisters Margaret, the Appellant, and Mary's Portions: And if his said Brother died without Issue Male, with 1100 l. more to augment their said Portions. And the said Daniel, being also possessor of the Holly Island, worth 80 l. per Ann. thereupon his said Brother George, being his Heir and Administrator, enters into and enjoys all the Premises, and sells the said Manor of Branton to Mr. Aldgood, and the said Manor of Revelly to Mr. Banner.

The 17th. of February, 1689. the said George, to secure the Lands so sold from Incumbrances, and the Payment of his said Sisters Portions as to the said 1400 l. only with Interest, by Bargain and Sale enrolled, conveys the said Manor of Branton to Trustees for these Purposes, and after in Trust for himself and his Heirs.

The 4th. of August, 1691. the said George, by other Deeds, charges the said Manor of Branton with the Payment of several Sums, with Interest, unto the said Aldgood and Banner, amounting in all to 187 l. 10 s. 00 d.

She was his Servant, and they lived Scandalously together, and she prevailed with him to make this Will.

The 7th. of June, 1689. the said George makes his Last Will, and thereby charges his Estate with the Payment of all his just Debts, and devises the said Manor of Branton to his said Sisters Margaret, the Appellant, and Mary in Fee, they paying unto the Respondents, Mary the Mother 20 l. yearly for Life, and Mary the Daughter 30 l. yearly for her Education till Marriage or full Age, and then 1000 l. if she married one of his Name and Kindred, and gave the said Lease of the Holly Island to his Brother, Colonel Collingwood's eldest Son, he paying yearly out of it 5 l. to Mr. Humes, and made his said Sisters Executors, and the 12th. of November, 1691. died without Issue, whereby his said Sisters additional Portions of 1100 l. became due and payable out of the said Manor of Branton; and about Six Months after, the said Mary died Intestate, whereby the Appellant Margaret, being her Heir and Administratrix, became Intituled to her said Portion, and the said Manor of Branton charged therewith, and with the Debts of the said George, as aforesaid.

Not one Word in the Bill for Sale of the Estate.

The Respondents Exhibit their English Bill into the Court of Exchequer against the Appellants, and some others of the Testator's Creditors, to enforce the Payment of their said yearly Legacies of 20 l. and 30 l. and the Arrears thereof, and the Securing the said 1000 l. Portion.

To which the Appellants put in their Answer, and thereby did insist, that the Testator's said real Estate, and the Produce and Profits thereof, ought in the first place to be applied to satisfy the said Debts and Incumbrances wherewith it was charged as aforesaid, together with all other the just Debts of the Testator, which did amount to above 500 l. more, before the Respondents were let in to be paid their said Legacies.

The 12th. of June, 1700. the said Cause was heard, and the Appellants decreed to Account with the Respondents for the personal Estate, and the Profits of the real Estate of the Testator, and to pay the Respondents 50 l. or quit the Possession of the Premises to the Respondents, and that an Account should be taken, and reported to the Court, of the Incumbrances upon the Estate, and the Testator's Debts.

The 7th. of July, 1701. the Deputy-Remembrancer reports, That he found the Testator left no personal Estate, but the said Lease of the said Island worth 80 l. and of the said Manor of Branton 160 l. per Ann. which had been received by the Appellants from the said Testator's Death for Nine Years and half unto the 12th. of May, 1701. and that the Incumbrances on the Estate, and Debts owing by the Testator, at his Death, did amount only to 175 l. 12 s. and that after all just Allowances made the Appellants for Interest of the said Summ during that time, and for Taxes, Repairs, &c. there did remain in their Hands 845 l. 13 s. 4 d. out of which there was due to the Respondents, for the Arrears of their said Legacies, 475 l. and 121 l. 10 s. for Interest thereof, whereof the Appellants had paid 50 l. in Obedience to the said Decree, so that there rested only due to the Respondents out of the said Profits 545 l. 10 s. which when paid, there would still rest in the Appellants Hands 299 l. 3 s. 4 d. towards Payment of the Testator's said Incumbrances and Debts, and that the said Manor of Branton was worth, to be sold, 3200 l. and the Holly Island 480 l.

There was then not Two Years to come of the Lease, and it's but 80 l. per Annum.

The 27th. of October, and 10th. of November, 1701. the said Court confirmed the said Report, as to all save the 121 l. 10 s. for Interest, and decreed the Payment thereof accordingly to the Respondents, and that for the future, the Appellants should yearly pay the Respondents the said 20 l. and 30 l. Legacies out of the Profits of the said Estate according to the Will, and 100 l. Costs of Suit, of which Report, Order, and Decree, the Appellants having no Notice, and the same being made ex parte, without hearing the Appellants, they frequently applied to the said Court, to have the said Cause reheard upon the said Report, and paid the Respondents 30 l. more; and yet notwithstanding could not obtain the favour to rehear the same, without Payment of the whole 474 l. so decreed the Respondents. Whereupon this Appeal is brought, and these Appellants, who are now in Prison for not performing the said Decree, humbly pray, for the REASONS following, the same may be reverst, and they restor'd.

1. For that these Appellants ought not to have been decreed to account with the Respondents for the Profits of the Testator's Estate, but with his Creditors.
2. For that these Appellants ought not to have been decreed to have paid the 50 l. mentioned in the Decree, towards Satisfaction of the Respondents Legacies, untill after it did appear upon Account, they had Assets in their Hands for that purpose.
3. For that there is upwards of 1500 l. Debts and Incumbrances of the said Testator's, of which no Notice is taken, or for which any Allowance is made by the said Report, Orders, or Decrees.
4. For that the Profits of the Testator's Estate, found to be in the Appellants Hands, are ordered and decreed to be paid towards Satisfaction of Arrears of the Respondents Legacies, and not for the Discharge of the Testator's Debts and Incumbrances in the first place, as they ought to have been.
5. For, that for the future, these Appellants are decreed, out of the Profits of the said Manor of Branton, to pay the said growing yearly Legacies of 20 l. and 30 l. to the Respondents, which Profits ought first to be applied to discharge the said Incumbrances, and the Testator's said just Debts.
6. For that the Appellants are charged with the Profits of the said Holly Island, for Nine Years and a half, amounting to 760 l. as part of the personal Estate of the Testator's in their Hands, liable to satisfy the Respondents Demands, when in Truth the same being a Specifick Legacy, given, as aforesaid, to the said Colonel Collingwood's Son, belongs to him, and the Respondents Demands, and the Testator's Debts, being by express Words charged upon the said Manor of Branton, and the same reported to be sufficient to pay all, the said Island, or the Proceed thereof, ought not to be applied toward Satisfaction thereof.